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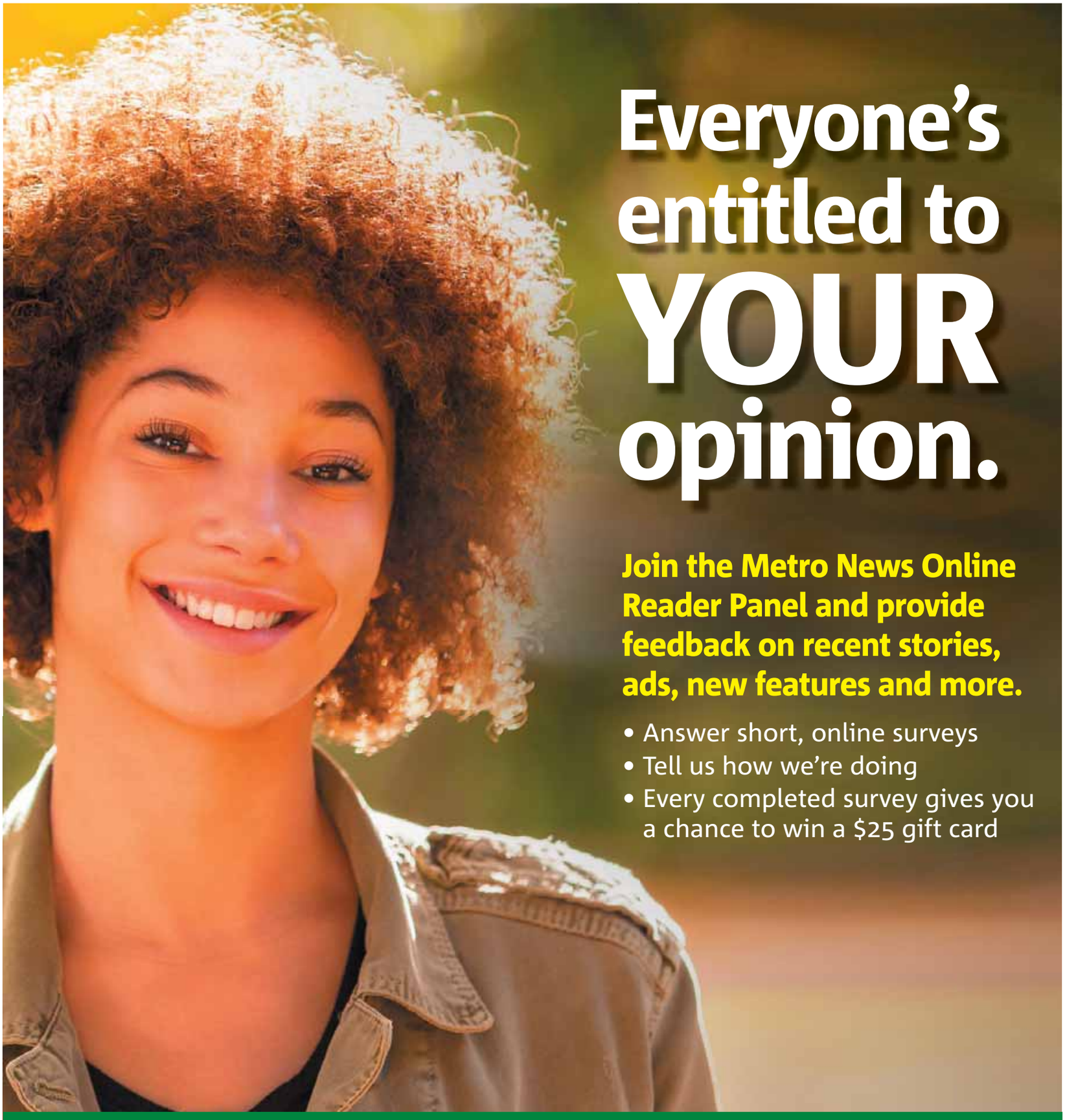
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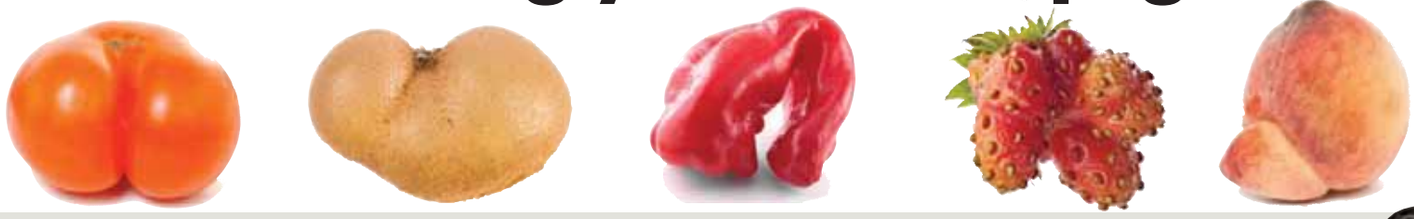

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Whistler-based Ziptrek Ecotours is building a two-kilometre zipline that it claims will be the longest zipline in the United States and Canada. Story, page 8. COURTESY ZIPTREK ECOTOURS

Mayor loses homeless fight

HOUSING

Failure to meet 2015 goal partly blamed on warm weather

Mayor Gregor Robertson has officially conceded defeat in his pledge to end street homelessness by 2015, blaming the city's warm weather and lack of affordable housing for failing to end the chronic problem.

Robertson ran — and won — three elections campaigns on a promise to end street homelessness by this year, refusing to give up on the ambitious goal even when street homelessness doubled to 538 people in 2014 after years of progress.

But the unprecedented amount of city money spent on the problem wasn't enough to meet the growing need for affordable housing without additional cash from the provincial and federal governments, Robertson said at a news conference after he participated in the city's annual homeless count Tuesday morning.

"It's obviously a greater problem than we've been able to solve by 2015," said Robertson, who counted 10 people sleeping outside near Commercial Drive.

538
Number of homeless people at last count.

"It's a real challenge when people drift to the West where it's warmer and we continue to get new people on our streets, as well as the housing pressure here in Vancouver."

Robertson, who mentioned the weather attracting people West four times during the press conference, admitted he was aware of these factors when he first made the promise in 2008, but he said he hoped the city would get more support from higher governments.

Robertson has "absolutely no regrets" about the lofty goal.

"We've pushed very hard and had great success getting many people in off the streets," he said, citing the creation of permanent homes at 14 sites in partnership with B.C. Housing, a variety of interim housing sites and investments in winter shelters.

"We've got to continue making this a top goal of the city."

He added the city is in the middle of a 10-year plan with a "broader goal" to end homelessness that it started in 2011. He stopped short of saying 2021 is a hard deadline. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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IN BRIEF

Officials track down those who came into contact with measles-infected students

Health authorities in Vancouver have gone to great lengths drawing up a list of all individuals who may have come into contact with two high-school students who were diagnosed with measles after flying home from Beijing.

But only about half that roster has been tracked down, meaning all British Columbians should ensure their immunizations are up to date, said Medical Health Officer Dr. Reka Gustafson.

One boy and one girl, who attend high school in the Lower Mainland, were diagnosed with the highly contagious disease shortly after returning from a school trip over spring break. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man killed by gunfire identified as former member of biker gang

Police have identified a man shot and killed in Prince George as a former gang member.

Mounties say Jason Hall, 45, was found lying on a street corner Sunday morning. He was taken to hospital with at least one gunshot wound and later died.

RCMP say Hall was a former member of a disbanded organized-crime gang called the Renegades Outlaw Motorcycle Club.

Officers are asking for the public's help to identify a car that investigators believe was involved in his killing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Evo drives into the car-sharing world

TRANSPORTATION

Auto club ready to compete in growing market

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

BCAA wants to grab its share of the car-sharing pie in Vancouver.

The auto association held a street festival on Tuesday to launch Evo, the city's fourth car-sharing service, with a fleet of more than 250 five-seat Toyota Prius Hybrids complete with ski and bike racks.

The one-way service operates exactly like car2go — its prices are almost identical — but it selected larger cars to appeal to those who need a little more space or want to transport outdoor toys out of town, Evo director Shan Parmar said.

"The idea is to be a bit more for the B.C. lifestyle," said Shan Parmar, Evo director of car sharing, adding that more than 3,000 people have already signed up for the service.

The auto association's entrance into the car-sharing market comes at a time when the younger generation is increasingly eschewing car ownership. Whether they can't afford cars, have better transit options, live urban lifestyles or want to be environmentally friendly, it's a trend that's growing in the city.

An Evo Prius with two bikes strapped on top was on display at the new car-share company's launch party at the Vancouver Art Gallery on Tuesday. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

For instance, car2go has grown to about 84,000 local members in March 2015 from about 40,000 members in March 2014, according to the company.

Developers are increasingly building condos with fewer parking stalls in favour of on-site car-sharing options, and the city allows car-sharing companies to park in residential permit-only zones.

Evo is ready to compete with car2go, Modo and Zipcar (the latter companies offer two-way trips in a variety of vehicles) for this growing audience, Parmar said.

"People are always looking for more transportation options," he said, adding BCAA is adapting to be an auto club that includes people who don't have cars.

An Insights West survey conducted for BCAA suggests there will be demand for Evo. It found that 62 per cent of Vancouverites want more car-sharing options and 60 per cent would appreciate larger cars.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Police to pay trans woman $15,000

The B.C. Human Rights Tribunal has determined that Vancouver police engaged in sex discrimination against transgender people and the department must change its policies.

The decision ordered the police board to pay transgender woman Angela Dawson $15,000 for two incidents stemming back to 2010.

Tribunal member Catherine McCreary found that officers discriminated against Dawson when they called her by her legal name, Jeffrey, and used a male pronoun even after she told them she identified as female.

McCreary also found that Dawson faced discrimination when she was not given adequate medical assistance in jail shortly after her gender-reassignment surgery.

While McCreary dismissed several of Dawson's complaints, she found that the way officers identify trans people and deal with them in regards to their identification amounts to "systemic discrimination."

Vancouver police spokesman Const. Brian Montague says the department will carefully review the decision to ensure that the safety of anyone in their custody remains a top priority.

Dawson filed the complaint after several run-ins with police. She is known as "Rollergirl" to many, as she likes to direct traffic while wearing rollerblades. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ENVIRONMENT

Road work OK'd without any protest

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

There were no cries of "save the trees" when the park board approved plans to widen the Stanley Park causeway on Monday night, a decision that means up to 14 trees will face the axe.

The absence of protesters marks a drastic change from 15 years ago when protesters strapped themselves to trees and staged a sit-in to oppose a similar widening of the 2.2-kilometre stretch that connects Vancouver to the North Shore via the Lions Gate Bridge.

Vehicles emerge from the Stanley Park Causeway into downtown Vancouver last December. METRO FILE

Former park board commissioner Constance Barnes, who started advocating for road improvements after a 61-year-old woman died cycling on the causeway in 2013, credits a change in attitude toward active transportation for the lack of protest.

"There are more people on bicycles," Barnes said Tuesday. "We can't have an active transportation goal if we're not keeping people safe while we're doing it."

Barnes also credits the lack of fuss to the province and the park board for consulting with the public and choosing a plan that minimizes the impact on trees. While the Stanley Park Ecology Society still isn't impressed with the loss of greenery and habitat for animals, Barnes believes a compromise was reached.

The improvements include safety barriers between cyclists and cars and no pedestrian traffic on the west side of the bridge.

About 300 Whonnock residents voiced their concerns about a proposed medical marijuana greenhouse. CONTRIBUTED

Biz hopes pot facility grows on residents

DEVELOPMENT

Whonnock raising a stink over medical pot grow-op

Thandi Fletcher
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About 300 residents packed into a Maple Ridge community centre Monday to speak out against a massive medical marijuana facility proposed for their neighbourhood.

Tantalus Labs, the Vancouver-based company behind the proposed facility, hosted the public forum in a bid to ease community concerns about the 40,000-square-foot greenhouse being built at 272nd Street and Bell Avenue in the Maple Ridge community of Whonnock.

But Sylvie Jensen, who lives near the property, said the meeting did little to quell residents' concerns about the size of the greenhouse and the impact it could have on their water.

"We live on an aquifer that's very fragile and vulnerable to contamination," she told Metro. "We often run out of water in the summer. It's a huge water issue."

Dan Sutton, managing director for Tantalus Labs, says the company is "obligated by law" to not have a negative impact on the wells.

He said Tantalus Labs is working with a water engineer to ensure the greenhouse will not affect water quality.

"I think the true nature of this is that the crop is very contentious and that draws people's ire," he said. "But actually this facility is going to be as safe and innocuous as any other facility in the city of Maple Ridge, many of which do border residences."

Jensen said most residents don't have a problem with marijuana. Rather, they are frustrated with what they see as a lack of community consultation about the proposed facility before it was built, she said.

Health Canada hasn't yet issued a licence for Tantalus Labs to grow medical marijuana in the greenhouse, which is expected to be complete by June.

But Sutton said the company has contingency plans in place to grow other crops. The greenhouse will be built regardless of what will grow inside, he said.

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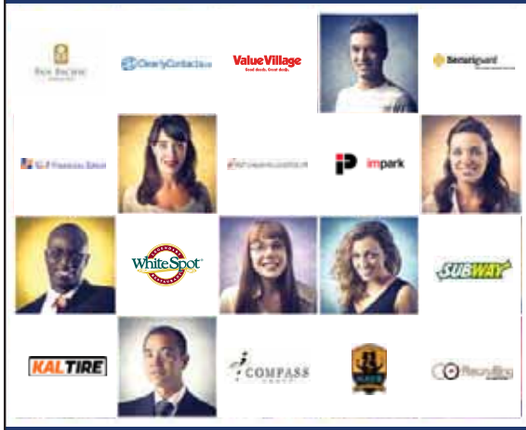

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TRANSIT

Plebiscite 'yes' vote could also improve work conditions

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Coast Mountain Bus Company driver Krista Lee Munro speaks to media about the need for expanded night bus service on Tuesday in Vancouver. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

The region's bus drivers and transit operators see the transit plebiscite as a way of relieving stressful and deteriorating workplace conditions.

Front line employees joined Unifor union representatives during a press conference on Tuesday to talk about the impact four years of TransLink "service optimizations" (reverting resources to the busiest transit routes at the expense of wider regional service to save money) have had on their job.

"As a result, we've seen our working conditions become stretched because we have more passengers riding the bus … [while] reducing running time and recovery," said Unifor Local 11 president Nathan Woods. "We see it as a real strain."

Apparently, so do passengers dealing with increasingly crowded buses.

"They are disgruntled by the service as well and they do naturally take it out on the front line workers," said Woods. "The cutbacks that they've done for the last four years have been very detrimental to the quality of the work that we have."

The mayors' plan on regional transportation calls for 11 new B-Line bus routes, 25 per cent more bus service, 50 per cent more SeaBus Service and 80 per cent more NightBus service.

Woods said that would create up to 1,400 new jobs for bus drivers, mechanics and related support staff and greatly improve conditions throughout the system.

Improvements can't come soon enough for NightBus driver Krista Lee Munro.

"I regularly leave people behind. I'm too full and can't fit any more people on the bus," she said. "If you're the very last bus, you do everything you can to cram people onto the bus. [Passengers] are uncomfortable, they're sitting on each other's laps, someone's face is in someone else's armpit but you're not leaving someone behind at three in the morning when the next bus isn't for another three or four hours. It's just not fair for anyone."

Munro said many of her passengers are late night workers supporting their families.

Holidays, when service hours are further reduced, are even worse.

"Come out on Good Friday and see these people," she said. "There will be hundreds and hundreds of people at Howe and Dunsmuir waiting for that first bus to Coquitlam, or Surrey, or New Westminster, because there aren't any other options for them at night."

The mail-in plebiscite, on a new 0.5 per cent regional sales tax to fund transit improvements, runs to May 29.

BACKGROUND

'No' signs taken down by Surrey workers

The City of Surrey says its engineering crews were responsible for taking down several "No TransLink Tax" campaign-style signs along King George Boulevard recently.

Canadian Taxpayers' Federation B.C. director Jordan Bateman — who spearheads the campaign against the proposed 0.5 per cent Metro Vancouver Congestion Improvement Tax — complained about an unfair playing field after the signs were taken down.

Initially unaware the city was involved, Surrey spokesman Oliver Lum told Metro the city did indeed take down the signs, but denied any political intent.

"It doesn't matter what the sign said, it could have been 'Yes', 'No', or 'Maybe,' it would have been removed," said Lum. "It was a contravention of our bylaw."

Surrey Mayor Linda Hepner and her council has unanimously endorsed the "Yes" vote in the spring plebiscite. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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RECREATION

Whistler zipline to go the distance

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Adrenaline junkies have another thrill-seeking activity to add to their bucket lists.

Whistler-based Ziptrek Ecotours is preparing to launch a two-kilometre zipline that it claims will be the longest in the United States and Canada.

Not for the faint of heart, the zipline will carry riders from a launch high up on Blackcomb Mountain to a landing near mid-mountain on Whistler Mountain.

Ziptrek CEO Charles Steele said the zipline follows a similar path to Whistler's Peak 2 Peak Gondola, which also spans two mountains at a high elevation.

"You can just imagine the views from up there are simply spectacular, where riders will be able to get an amazing perspective of their complete surroundings," Steele said in a statement.

"That is, when they take the opportunity to take it all in — because it will be quite the thrill ride."

WHEN

The zipline is set to open in mid-July.

Skiers get discounts after poor season

Two local ski resorts are hoping to soften the blow after a season of poor snowfall.

Mount Seymour and Cypress Mountain, which both announced Monday that their ski resorts would be closing early due to limited snow, are offering pass holders a discount for next season.

Mount Seymour is offering an 88 per cent credit toward next season's pass, while Cypress is offering an 80 per cent on downhill and Nordic season passes before the May 31 early-bird deadline.

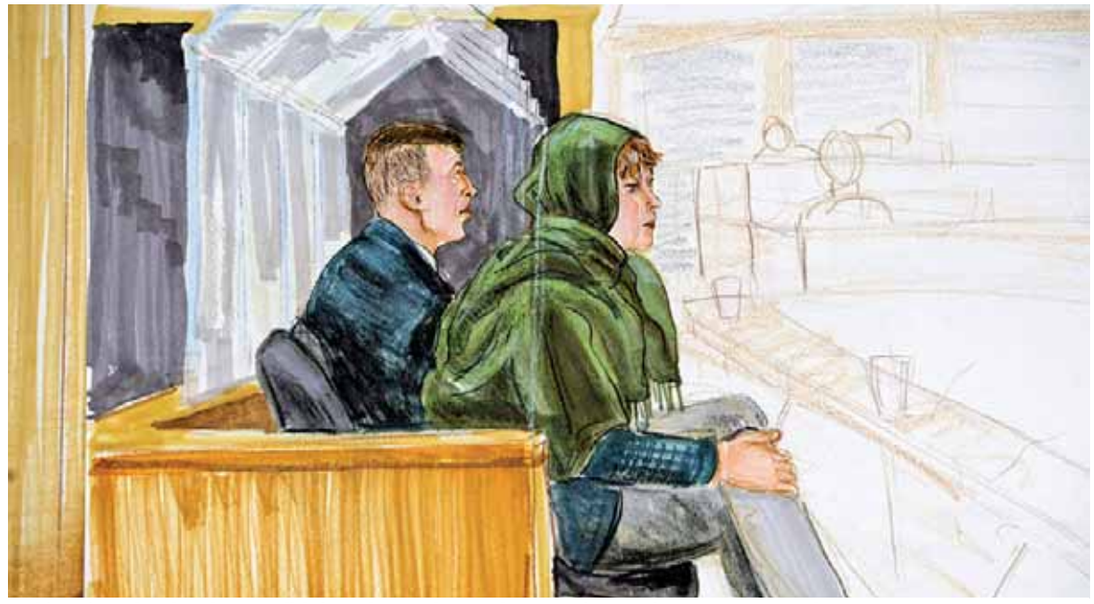
Staff at Cypress, which saw a sprinkling of four centimetres of snow overnight Monday, is still hopeful the mountain will be able to reopen this season.

"We remain ready to provide a few more turns and some Cypress Beach action if a significant snowfall occurs right down to the Base Area within the next few weeks," said a statement on the mountain's website.

Meanwhile, Grouse Mountain continues to operate after receiving 14 centimetres of fresh powder overnight Monday.

Greenway, Paradise and Paradise Jib Park are open and have "great conditions," said Jacqueline Blackwell, spokeswoman for Grouse Mountain.

"It was a nice, pleasant surprise for us to start of our week," she said. "This season has certainly been an anomaly … but we're going to remain open as long Mother Nature allows us to." THANDI FLETCHER/METRO



In this artist's sketch, John Nuttall, left, and Amanda Korody appear in court in Vancouver on Feb. 2. FELICITY DON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Video shows Nuttall worried about set-up

COURT

Terror suspect voiced concern to undercover officer

Months before being arrested in an elaborate RCMP sting operation, John Nuttall tells an undercover officer he worries that he is being set up by the police.

Video played for a B.C. Supreme Court jury on Tuesday shows the accused terrorist sitting in the passenger seat of a pickup truck expressing his concerns to an undercover officer, who is posing as an Arab businessman.

"It's crossed my mind that I could be getting set up and as soon as I hand over the plans I'm bound to go to Guantanamo Bay," says the recently converted Muslim.

Nuttall and his wife and co-accused Amanda Korody are on trial for allegedly plotting to blow up the B.C. legislature on Canada Day 2013.

"I'm going to tell you the truth because you're my brother," he tells the officer, whose identity is protected by a publication ban.

"I only trust you 99 per cent. There's this one per cent of me that is still paranoid."

The footage was taken by a hidden camera in early May 2013 and shows a sallow-faced Nuttall with long hair and a wiry, grey-tinged beard, wearing a dark, pinstripe suit recently bought for him by the undercover officer.

The court heard the officer invite Nuttall to accompany him to Whistler the following day to hand an encrypted hard drive to the officer's associates that allegedly contained details of Nuttall's plot.

Both Nuttall and Korody have pleaded not guilty to four terrorism-related charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Harper talks up expanding mission

IRAQ & SYRIA

Motion to be debated later this week

The plan to expand Canada's war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) into Syria hinges on the conviction that dictator Bashar Assad has lost control of the country, allowing extremists to pose a clear and direct threat to the international community, Stephen Harper said Tuesday.

But the question opposition parties were asking Tuesday was: What changed the prime minister's mind?

When Canada's combat mission first got underway almost six months ago, Harper ruled out the possibility of CF-18s attacking targets in Syria, which has been home to a bloody four-year long civil war.

At that time, he said the military would have to seek the permission of the Assad government.

> **Canadians did not invent the threat of jihadi terrorism, and we certainly did not invite it. Nor, as this global threat becomes ever more serious, can we protect our country or our communities by choosing to ignore it**
> Prime Minister Stephen Harper

> **Military planners will tell us that for a mission to succeed it must have two things. It must have a well-defined objective and a well-defined exit strategy. This mission has neither**
> NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair

But that changed Tuesday with the introduction of a proposed mission renewal, to be debated later this week, that would expand airstrikes into Syria and extend the mission by a year.

"As our allies have indicated, they are taking necessary and proportionate military action in Syria on the basis that the government of Syria is unwilling or unable to prevent ISIL from staging operations and conducting attacks there," Harper said.

The effect of adding Syria to the target list has been to further unite political opposition at home — notably the Liberals, some of whom were uncomfortable with the decision to oppose the initial deployment in the face of blatant ISIL atrocities.

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SEE PAGE 17 FOR A DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION TO EXPAND THE ISIL MISSION

WILDLIFE THIS PANDA IS READY FOR HER CLOSE-UP Rina, the Edmonton Valley Zoo's newest addition to its red panda family, poses in her enclosure on Tuesday. Having recently arrived from Shizuoka Municipal Nihondaira Zoo in Japan, two-year-old Rina is one of three red pandas currently living in the Edmonton zoo. With an estimated population of fewer than 10,000 adult red pandas left in the wild, the species is considered endangered. The Edmonton Valley Zoo is part of a worldwide conservation effort to preserve red pandas through a Species Survival Plan. TOPHER SEGUIN/FOR METRO IN EDMONTON

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POLITICS

Bill C-51 hinders civil rights: Critic

The federal government's omnibus security bill would hand extremists what they want by shackling civil liberties, a prominent aboriginal lawyer and activist says.

There is no way to fix the legislation, which "makes us all suspects," said Pamela Palmater, chair in indigenous governance at Toronto's Ryerson University.

"The terrorists will have won," Palmater said Tuesday during a meeting of the House of Commons public safety committee, which is hearing more than 50 witnesses on the bill.

The Conservatives brought in the 62-page bill following the murders of two Canadian soldiers just days apart last October by men whose motives were rooted in extremist thinking.

The 62-page bill would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) the ability to actively disrupt terror plots, make it easier for police to limit the movements of a suspect, expand no-fly-list powers, crack down on extremist propaganda and dismantle barriers to exchanging security-related information.

Neither the new disruptive powers nor the information-sharing provisions apply to "lawful" advocacy, protest and dissent, but some critics say these elements of the bill could be used against aboriginal and environmental activists who protest outside the letter of the law.

> **Doing nothing is making terrorism win**
> Justice Minister Peter MacKay

Justice Minister Peter MacKay rejected Palmater's view.

Meanwhile, intelligence historian Wesley Wark, who teaches at the University of Ottawa, said there are unanswered questions about the plan to give CSIS new disruption powers.

CSIS already engages in some forms of disruption, but it's not clear if the spy service has implemented watchdog recommendations on using the tactic, Wark told the committee.

Disruption should be focused on Canadian suspects overseas under appropriate controls, he added.

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BRAZEAU

Crown's witness gets emotional as she defends her credibility

The defence team for suspended senator Patrick Brazeau challenged the credibility of his alleged victim Tuesday, zeroing in on specific details including her use of a fake passport to travel to Canada.

Attorney Gerard Larocque, who's defending Brazeau at his trial for assault and sexual assault charges, also pressed the Crown's key witness on why she never told prosecutors, nor police, that she ripped off a necklace during the violent incident.

Earlier, the woman wiped away tears as she listened to her own panicked voice on emergency recordings that were played in court.

The complainant took the stand Tuesday for a second day against Brazeau, who was kicked out of the Conservative caucus shortly after his arrest.

Brazeau has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The Crown initially expected the trial to finish Wednesday, but proceedings are now expected to continue for a fourth day — on a date to be determined later. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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EXTRA PASSENGER

Birth on jet before landing at Gander

The passenger count on a Qatar Airways flight grew by one when a woman went into labour and delivered her baby before the aircraft touched down.

The Boeing 777 was heading to the capital of Qatar from Miami when it was diverted to Gander International Airport in central Newfoundland to make an emergency landing Monday.

Brian Hicks, the airport's safety manager, says the airport was notified at about 4:30 a.m. that the plane, carrying 337 passengers, needed to land.

He says the baby was born about 30 minutes later before the plane touched down, with two doctors on board helping with the delivery.

Hicks says paramedics met the aircraft and took the mother and baby to the hospital nearby, where they were said to be doing well.

He says it's not unusual for planes to make emergency landings for medical reasons, but that he hasn't seen too many babies born before final approach on a jetliner.

The jet landed safely in Gander.

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"A birth is a new one and I've been here 27 years
Brian Hicks

Descendants of Richard III, Michael Ibsen, left, and his brother Jeff Ibsen, right, and Wendy Duldig place white roses on a coffin bearing the remains of Richard III. RUI VIEIRA/ THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

CANADA-U.S.

U.S. ambassador ends first year

The U.S. ambassador to Canada concludes the first year of his posting acutely aware that a single irritant over an oil pipeline has grabbed so much of the attention in the Canada-U.S. relationship.

"I have noticed that. I definitely have,'' Bruce Heyman said in an interview this week during a trip to Washington, with his first year as ambassador drawing to a close.

Indeed, the irritant in question is so well known that Heyman doesn't even need to refer to Keystone XL by name: "I think the U.S. government is very aware of the Canadian position with regard to the pipeline.''

Any doubt was extinguished early in his tenure.

There was a testy exchange with former ambassador to Washington Frank McKenna at an initial public event in Ottawa.

Meetings with Prime Minister Stephen Harper were rare.

The Prime Minister's Office says they've met twice, while the U.S. side notes they've met on different occasions when American officials were visiting Ottawa.

United States Ambassador Heyman is keen to accentuate the positive: shared international projects, like fighting ISIL and Ebola; last week's historic border agreement on pre-clearance and the world's biggest bilateral trading relationship.

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Canadian built Richard III's coffin

HISTORY

Descendant of the long-dead monarch is a cabinetmaker

A Canadian-born cabinetmaker whose DNA helped identify the remains of King Richard III after they were excavated from under a British parking lot is now helping to ensure his famous ancestor has a resting place fit for royalty.

Michael Ibsen, 57, has personally designed and built the coffin in which the controversial 15th-century monarch will be reinterred later this week.

It was Ibsen's DNA that initially helped identify the bones unearthed by researchers at the University of Leicester in 2012. Ibsen, who is a 17th-generation descendant of Richard's older sister, Anne of York, agreed to allow his genetic profile to be compared with the historic skeleton.

Geneticists said Ibsen shares a rare strain of mitochondrial DNA with the remains, proving "beyond reasonable doubt" that the king's body had finally been found after centuries of speculation.

Ibsen said he had never built a coffin over his 25-year career as a furniture maker, but said his personal ties to the oft-maligned monarch made this project feel very appropriate.

"There's a certain symmetry to it
Michael Ibsen, a descendant of Richard's older sister

"It's sort of a unique privilege to be asked to do such a thing," Ibsen said in a telephone interview with The Canadian Press from Leicestershire, U.K.

"It seemed sort of a logical thing to do. There's a certain symmetry to it."

Ibsen was approached to build the royal casket by officials at Leicester Cathedral, which will be Richard's official resting place after Thursday's ceremony.

Ibsen then undertook several weeks of research to ensure the design would live up to both practical and traditional requirements.

After consulting with a historian specializing in royal burial practices, he decided to build the casket out of both English oak and English yew.

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THE SELF-SURVEILLANCE GENERATION — PART I

The teen code

How kids make their own rules for online behaviour

Social media has gone beyond a sharing tool for teenagers — it's also become a way to manage reputations and make the right impression. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

It was the day after a party when Marlisa first saw the video.

Recordings of the 17-year-old vomiting at a high-school party from January began circulating through Snapchat. Despite the fact the app is designed to erase messages, teens figured out ways to save photos.

Because she was drunk, the Halifax teen says she has little memory of what happened.

"I was like, 'Oh my God,' but I didn't feel bad because I was drunk, so like there's an excuse," she says. "Because I'm of the age of, like, this is what you would expect."

Today, nearly 100 per cent of Grade 11 students have a Facebook account, according to a 2014 study by MediaSmarts, a group dedicated to researching digital literacy issues among young Canadians. Roughly 85 per cent of students own a cellphone. That puts at their fingertips the ability to manage their reputation — and each other's — leading to a culture in which teens are now policing teens, choosing when and if to capture and broadcast each other's youthful indiscretions.

> **One of the drawbacks of connecting through digital technology is that it's always on. It's sort of like being at the mall 24 hours a day.**
> Matt Johnson,
> director of education at MediaSmarts

A code among peers

When it comes to posting a photo of a peer, Halifax teens Morgan and Rachel have a checklist: first, are you friends with this person? And second, does the photo make them look good?

If the answer to either is "no," an unspoken courtesy exists to ask a person's permission first, a gesture both girls say they do and expect done in return.

In a recent study of more than 5,000 teens, nine out of 10 said they expect to be asked permission before someone posts their photo online if it could be considered negative, says Matthew Johnson, director of education for MediaSmarts.

Teens are aware of the risks of sharing online material, Johnson says. He notes the exhaustive lengths most teens undergo to customize their privacy settings and delete content to curate their accounts so as not to cause trouble with parents and maintain a "perfect" image to their peers.

84%

In a 2014 MediaSmarts study of more than 5,000 Canadian teens, 84 per cent said they had at least one rule when it came to Internet access.

Johnson says this is why apps that promise temporality like Snapchat — in which photo and video messages vanish after viewing them — are soaring in popularity among teens because they are an "escape valve" from the demands of their self-surveillance.

"It removes that need to think very carefully about the impression that you're making. It lets you be casual in a way that you really can't with Facebook or Twitter where something is expected to be permanent."

Teens and permanence

Digital permanence is the most difficult lesson for teens to learn in digital literacy, Johnson says.

"Obviously permanence is general and is a difficult idea for teens. It's not in their nature to see too far beyond the horizon."

He said most teens grasp the basics: online content can be viewed by unintended third parties and then copied and reproduced without their knowledge. But the crux of the problem today is the struggle to get teens to see long-term consequences of what they post online, not simply what their friends might think.

Learning where to draw the line or what to share and with whom is all the harder to navigate for a generation whose communication also happens digitally, says Larry Borins, a teen clinical psychologist in Toronto.

"(Social media) is platform to get attention," Borins said. "It's a microphone — more like a megaphone. Anything that is expressed off-screen is just amplified on-screen."

'The past is the past, right?'

Laura pauses from sending a text to explain that as an exchange student from Colombia, she was advised to purge her online accounts of any inappropriate material before coming to Halifax.

"Here, you come to a host family. They don't know you. So they're going through your Facebook. You don't want them to see you drinking or partying or anything like that," Laura says. "If there's a picture of you drinking, you wouldn't want it on your Facebook because you could go home."

The table of four at this Halifax high school erupts in a round of "Oh yeah"s when I ask if they will be embarrassed by what they see of themselves online by the time they're my age.

"No regrets for that," says Pietro.

"The past is the past, right?"

Borins is as stumped as other experts when it comes to whether young people can afford to make mistakes in an age when their actions can be recorded and shared virally and what that effect will have on them as adults.

67%

Research shows that 67 per cent of girls aged 15 to 17 are likely to post pictures of themselves or friends, compared to 48 per cent of boys the same age.

"Adolescence is all about learning from mistakes and taking risks," he says. "Teens are stepping out into the unknown and they're learning stuff about themselves through that process."

One possibility is young people may find themselves afraid to take as many risks — a hard but necessary reality he speculates will be required to meet the demands of an increasingly online world.

"Once it's printed, once it's out there, you can't retract it; you can't take it down," he says.

However, Johnson says that unlike in previous generations, teenagers' friends (along with their antics) are now colliding with their family and employers as never before through social media, which could lead to a sort of normalization.

Having said that, his answer to resolving issues around online permanence is simple: better education.

"As parents we have to recognize that teaching (teens) to curate their online identity is also teaching them to be able to hide things from us," he says, noting that's a natural part of adolescence.

"That's why it's so important at the same time as we teach them to manage their online privacy, we also make sure to respect their online privacy and reassure them that we have their back, rather than spying over their shoulder."

IN metro TOMORROW

PART II: Age of anxiety
With social media, teens are now taking experimentation with their identity online — spending hours editing and curating the perfect persona. Psychologist Larry Borins argues this is leading to an increasingly anxious generation.

A rescue helicopter flies over debris of a Germanwings jet that crashed in the Alps. The jet was carrying at least 150 people from Barcelona to Duesseldorf. CLAUDE PARIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No survivors expected, as jet carrying 150 crashes in France

FLIGHT 9525

White House and airline say no sign of terrorism

A black box recovered from the scene and pulverized pieces of debris strewn across Alpine mountainsides held clues to what caused a budget airliner to take an unexplained eight-minute dive Tuesday midway through a flight from Spain to Germany, apparently killing all 150 people on board.

The Airbus A320 operated by Germanwings, a budget subsidiary of Lufthansa, was less than an hour from landing in Duesseldorf on a flight from Barcelona when it unexpectedly went into a rapid descent. The pilots sent out no distress call and had lost radio contact with their control centre, France's aviation authority said, deepening the mystery.

While investigators searched through debris from Flight 9525 on steep and desolate slopes, families across Europe reeled with shock and grief. Sobbing relatives at both airports were led away by airport workers and crisis counsellors.

"The site is a picture of horror. The grief of the families and friends is immeasurable," German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said after being flown over the crash scene. "We must now stand together. We are united in our great grief."

It took investigators hours to reach the site, led by mountain guides to the craggy ravine in the southern French Alps, not far from the Italian border and the French Riviera.

Video shot from a helicopter and aired by BFM TV showed rescuers walking in the crevices of a rocky mountainside scattered with plane parts.

Photos of the crash site showed white flecks of debris across a mountain and larger airplane body sections with windows. A helicopter crew that landed briefly in the area saw no signs of life, French officials said.

"Everything is pulverized. The largest pieces of debris are the size of a small car. No one can access the site from the ground," Gilbert Sauvan, president of the general council, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, told The Associated Press.

The White House and the airline chief said there was no sign that terrorism was involved, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged reporters not to speculate on the cause.

"We still don't know much beyond the bare information on the flight, and there should be no speculation on the cause of the crash," she said in Berlin. "All that will be investigated thoroughly."

Lufthansa Vice-President Heike Birlenbach told reporters in Barcelona that for now "we say it is an accident."

The plane crashed at an altitude of about 2,000 metres at Meolans-Revels, near the popular ski resort of Pra Loup. The site is 700 kilometres south-southeast of Paris.

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A schoolgirl lights a candle in front of the Joseph-Koenig Gymnasium in Haltern, western Germany Tuesday. Sixteen students and two teachers from Haltern were among the 150 people on board the Germanwings plane that crashed Tuesday. MARTIN MEISSNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The site is a picture of horror. The grief of the families and friends is immeasurable. We must now stand together. We are united in our great grief.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier

THE VICTIMS

United in grief

A stunned German town mourned 16 students who went down aboard Germanwings Flight 9525 on their way home Tuesday from a Spanish exchange, while the opera world grieved for two singers who were returning from performing in Barcelona — one of them with her baby.

"This is surely the blackest day in the history of our town," a visibly shaken Mayor Bodo Klimpel said after the western town of Haltern was shocked by news that 16 students from the local high school and two of their teachers had been on the plane.

Some hugged and cried in front of the Joseph Koenig High School, where the 10th graders had studied, and put candles on its steps. Others changed their Facebook cover photos to black, with the simple message "Haltern mourns; In memory of the victims of the March 24, 2015 plane crash."

"You can feel a state of shock everywhere," Klimpel said at a hastily called press conference at city hall. "This is pretty much the worst thing you can imagine."

The town of 38,000 lies about 80 kilometres northeast of the plane's destination of Duesseldorf.

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Thousands protest over murder of Farkhunda

KABUL

Marchers demand justice for woman killed by mob

Thousands marched through the Afghan capital Tuesday, demanding justice for a woman who was beaten to death by a mob after being falsely accused of burning a Qur'an.

Men and women of all ages carried banners bearing the bloodied face of Farkhunda, a 27-year-old religious scholar killed last week by the mob. Farkhunda, who went by one name like many Afghans, was beaten, run over with a car and burned before her body was thrown into the Kabul River.

Organizers of Tuesday's march — the second protest over the brutal slaying in as many days — estimated that up to 3,000 people took part, calling it one of the biggest demonstrations in Kabul's history. Marchers chanted "Justice for Farkhunda!" and "Death to the killers!"

Amrullah Saleh, a political leader and former director of the intelligence service, the National Directorate of Security, said the demonstrators sought to make Farkhanda an icon of the struggle against "injustice, mob court, street violence, violence against women, lawlessness, extremism" and, especially the injustice suffered by women.

"She is an example of probably what has happened silently to many," Saleh said. "She drew a line with her blood between those who want justice, rule of law, and those who are extreme in their views and who breed in lawlessness."

The Interior Ministry said 28 people have been arrested and 13 police officers have been suspended.

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Afghan woman with painted face depicting the blood of Farkhunda. SHAH MARAI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

WEST AFRICA

Ebola outbreak 1 year old

It now sounds almost cliché to call the West African Ebola epidemic unprecedented.

But nothing remotely like this outbreak has ever happened with this disease.

That may well have contributed to the catastrophically slow response to the news — disclosed a year ago this week — that Ebola had erupted in Guinea, a country that had never before fought this foe.

Since then, 24,872 people in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia have contracted Ebola and 10,311 have died, figures released Tuesday by the World Health Organization suggest.

Within days, cases popped up in the Guinean capital, Conakry, 650 kilometres from where Ebola was first spotted.

"It was in a major city, with two million people, and this city had fairly low hygienic standards.

A recipe for disaster," said Dr. Tim Jagatic, a Windsor, Ont., physician who works for Medecins Sans Frontieres.

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ONLINE VIDEOS

Service bets fans will pay for early access

Would you pay to see some of the Internet's best video clips first? Vessel, a new service trying to change the way that short video pieces make money on the Internet and mobile devices, is betting on it.

Instead of free-for-all distribution supported solely by advertising, Vessel will charge $3 per month for exclusive early access to clips of musicians, sporting events, comedians and many other forms of entertainment not available on YouTube or any other digital video service for at least three days. CEO Jason Kilar, formerly head of Hulu Plus, believes Vessel's model will be able to pay video producers about $50 per 1,000 views of their clips on the site. That compares with just $2.20 per 1,000 views of ad-supported video at sites such as YouTube, Kilar says.

Vessel so far has about 70,000 video clips separated into about 160 categories, including sports, comedy, music, video games and food. Many clips are free and supported by ads, just like most video on YouTube. Vessel's subscription side features videos from about 130 contributors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bikini Village sold

Lingerie and swimwear retailer Boutique La Vie en Rose plans to expand Bikini Village stores across Canada and abroad after reaching an agreement to buy the insolvent bathing-suit chain. CEO Francois Roberge said he paid less than $4 million for Bikini Village. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Falling prices at the pumps last year, as seen at this Ontario gas station in December, played a big role in slowing Canada's annual inflation rate to 1.5 per cent in December compared with two per cent in November. DOUG IVES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oil price shock affects provinces differently

ECONOMY

Ontario, B.C. could lead country in growth rate

Canadian households may save an average of $800 at pumps in 2015 — but as much as $600 of those savings will go to paying for the higher costs of imported consumer goods, TD Economics says in its latest forecast on the economy.

Overall, TD trimmed its outlook for the Canadian economy, as it predicted that lower prices for crude oil will take a bite out of corporate profits and business investment. That, in turn, will lead to lower consumer spending and a softer job market, according to the report released Tuesday.

On the plus side, a weaker Canadian dollar, and growth in the key U.S. export market, will help offset the negative effects of the collapse in crude.

"We anticipate that the Canadian economy will weather the current oil-price storm, with calm seas expected to follow the current choppy waters," said the report, written by economists Craig Alexander, Derek Burleton and Randall Bartlett.

> **It's a horse race between Ontario and B.C.**
> Craig Alexander, TD chief economist

TD estimates that the economy will expand by 1.9 per cent this year, down from 2.3 per cent in its earlier forecast.

"It's pretty close to the long-run average pace of growth we're going to see in the economy," Alexander, TD chief economist, said in an interview.

The oil price shock — crude prices are trading at less than half of last year's peak — will be seen in huge regional differences on the economy.

For the first time in more than a decade, Ontario could be the fastest-growing province in the country, Alexander said.

"It's a horse race between Ontario and B.C. Those provinces are going to feel like things are getting better. Growth rates will get close to three per cent," Alexander said.

"You can have a debate about whether Alberta will be in recession, but it's going to feel like one." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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PRO CON

Should we bomb Syria and Iraq?

YES: Canada needs to deny ISIL a safe haven.

ISIL fighters are crossing the border into Syria from Iraq to avoid our bombs. Airstrikes against ISIL, Prime Minister Stephen Harper argues, will keep the terrorist group on the defensive and unable to organize attacks on Canadian soil. The terrorist group has named Canada and Canadians as targets, in addition to saying people should be killed for not following its interpretation of religion.

NO: ISIL has no proven ability to attack on Canadian soil.

Expanding the mission to Syria would only help President Bashar al-Assad's regime, which is accused of serious crimes against its own people. Instead, an effective public relations campaign would help counter the group's ideology. Previous occurrences, such as the attack on Parliament Hill, were committed by lone wolf, homegrown terrorists.

How climate change is like World of Warcraft

THE SCIENCE
Stephanie Orford

Any military strategist, chess player or World of Warcraft gamer will tell you that winning isn't just about reacting to the situation at hand. If you really want to get ahead, you need to understand the big picture, have a strategy, and make each move with your end goal in mind.

Canada should battle climate change the same way.

Wherever humans adapt to climate change, we stand to do even more damage if we're not careful, according to a study published in the March issue of Nature Climate Change. Applying computer modelling to more than 40 years of climate data, the researchers found that in the U.K., the warming climate could supercharge the country's agricultural potential.

Reaping these benefits without thought to their consequences, however, would have significant negative effects downstream — literally.

The increased amounts of fertilizer needed for this expanded agricultural output would impact water quality, potentially causing U.K. rivers and streams to become choked up with algae, killing off existing ecosystems, degrading water quality.

This scenario could easily apply to Canada. We have a similarly temperate climate and more than eight times the cultivated land of the U.K.

If we don't consider — and regulate — the environmental effects of expanding our agriculture, the negative effects of taking advantage of greater arable land in Canada could be equally magnified.

Agriculture isn't the only area where adaptations could cause damage, say the authors. The same effect could happen in sectors including power, forestry and fisheries — all crucial components of Canada's economy.

If managed wisely, Canada's vast natural resources hold great opportunities to adapt to climate change. They also pose great risk if they're mismanaged. Biofuels — a "green" energy source that may do more harm than good — are a good example.

A 2014 report by the United Nations warned that growing crops for the production of biofuels drives up food prices by decreasing the availability of land available for food cultivation, puts pressure on the water supply, and still harms the environment with carbon emissions.

The Canadian Arctic is another area where we need to tread carefully. As the Arctic thaws, would expanding our development and agriculture there create greater prosperity? Possibly in the short-term, but it also has the potential to damage one of the world's most fragile wildlife habitats.

To continue fighting climate change and adapt to the changes that are already happening, we need to shift our perspective profoundly, weighing the risks and benefits of each adaptation to make sure we're not trading one environmental disaster for another.

As the study's authors say: "Instead of waiting for ecosystems to be in danger and then trying to save them, we can anticipate a potential problem and do something about it before it becomes an actual threat."

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"We may have reproductive freedom, but economic freedom?"

A freezer is a time machine, according to my parents. Cooked pasta, blocks of cheese — they've never met a food they won't freeze and expect to retrieve months later, unchanged.

It's the same logic driving a wave of women into fertility clinics to press "stop" on their biological clocks.

Elective egg freezing, once a fringe movement, is becoming mainstream. The U.S. company EggBanxx hosts "egg freezing parties." A Vancouver fertility clinic has seen the number of interested women triple in the last five years.

For a price of $7,000 to $11,000, plus extra for storage in a -197 C liquid-nitrogen filled tank that resembles a large soup pot, young women in cities across the country can freeze time for their eggs, like the stalled decay of dad's two-year-old chili.

I say that's fantastic. For the young and female who might want kids someday, 35 is the baby-making cliff, after which the chance of getting pregnant plummets. Egg-freezing gives you more time to get an education, find a partner and earn lots and lots of money.

Because if a woman wants to unfreeze and implant her egg — for another few thousand dollars — and then actually raise her child alone, she'd better be rich.

We may now have reproductive freedom, but economic freedom? Hardly.

Even for the relatively privileged pulling in $80,000, like my friend, Sarah, let's call her.

Sarah spent $11,000 to freeze her eggs because, like many others making the decision, she wants a child, but so far hasn't met the right partner. She didn't balk at the fertility costs. The number that finally got her was the cost of raising a kid in Toronto. Even with a great salary, she'd be left, she says, living in relative poverty. After rent and insurance, there' would be only a few hundred dollars left each month from her mat-leave pay to cover food, transit, diapers and whatever else a baby needs — and that assumes she would keep living in a one-bedroom apartment.

Granted, Sarah lives in one of the country's most expensive cities. But increasingly, so do most of us. The cost of living in Vancouver or Calgary isn't cheap, either.

What's the good of reproductive freedom if you can't afford a child on your own? And what does it say about our cities if a generous $80,000 isn't enough?

Fertility clinics catering to single, baby-wanting women aren't responsible, of course, for informing Sarah and others about the cost of the actual baby. But the clinics may need to find some extra storage to house those frozen vats of eggs, because more and more single women aren't going to admit reproductive defeat. Economic defeat may be another matter.

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Top plating trends for spring

FOOD

Add flare to your dinner party with these tips from Canada's top chefs

Vawn Himmelsbach
For Metro

As the days get warmer, chefs are switching to fresher, lighter fare and designing plates to match. Metro talks to some of Canada's top chefs about on-trend plating for spring and how to copy their looks at home to impress dinner guests — no chef tweezers or ring moulds required.

"Let's be honest, we're slaves to Instagram," said Chef Brett Howson of Toronto's Parlor Foods & Co. Thanks to social media, presentation is more important than ever. "Flavour comes first, but we all know we eat with our eyes."

To create a lighter feel on the plate, chefs are plating along the sides or corner, or even plating on the rim. "It creates that negative space and lightens things up," said Chef Duncan Ly with Calgary's Kensington Riverside Inn.

Colour is another trend, say top chefs, as people long for the vibrant pop of spring. This is achieved through the use of petite vegetables such as baby radishes and heirloom carrots, as well as micro-greens, herbs, shoots, buds and edible flowers.

"As we move into spring, we want the plate to look light and have more height so that it has the appearance of sprouting and new beginnings — because it's like a renewal in the spring," said Chef Vanessa Bourget with Vancouver's Exile Bistro.

But simplicity can still involve complexity. "You want it to be complex in flavour, but you want it to look effortless," she said.

These days, even Michelin-starred chefs are taking a simpler approach to food, said Chef Craig Flinn with Chives Canadian Bistro in Halifax. "There are a smaller number of elements on a plate," he said, "but they're perfectly executed."

Flinn also suggested creating a more casual feel on the plate, but emphasizing elegance. "We're trying to get away from the plain white plate," he said. That means using different textures, such as wood, stone, tile and even handmade pottery.

"The trend is moving away from contrived-looking food to a more natural, free-flowing style of presentation," said Ly. "With farm-to-table being more trendy, we see more of that rustic-looking plate ware."

VANCOUVER

1 Tall spirals

Chilled risotto with truffles, shaved fennel, purple carrots and candy-cane beets for garnish, with a huckleberry peppercorn vinaigrette. Chef Vanessa Bourget with Vancouver's Exile Bistro recommends using a spiralizer to create tall, spiral shapes that add height and dimension to a dish. She also recommends plating "off to the side," to create negative space.

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"Plating is just a residual of people looking at food in more artistic ways, so you're using the same principle as a painting
Chef Vanessa Bourget with Vancouver's Exile Bistro

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2 Rustic elegance

Cauliflower curry with spice-crusted halloumi cheese and spring asparagus. "Whatever that food is resting on is a key, well-thought-out part of what you're experiencing — a beautiful, rustic slab of pine or oak that appears to be a charcuterie board ... It's rustic and sensual at the same time," said Chef Craig Flinn of Halifax's Chives Canadian Bistro.

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TORONTO

3 Colour pop

Québécois cheval tartare with gherkins, shallots and Pommery mustard served on a piece of roasted bone marrow, cut canoe-style and served on a long, colourful platter. It's topped with chives, parsley, coriander stems, sorrel, capers, shallots, pickled red onions and house-made potato chips — with a splash of Tabasco. "This is the 'I'm tired of the cold winter and ready for spring' version," said Chef Brett Howson of Toronto's Parlor Foods & Co. PHOTOS: LIZ BEDDALL/METRO TORONTO

CALGARY

4 Soup on the side

Garlic soup with crispy fried escargot, shaved radishes, micro-herbs and flowers, a fresh herb purée and a clam tuile (or clam cracker). A hot trend for spring is serving tableside sauces, broths and soups — an easy plating trend to copy at home. It allows you to "get that visual impact of the dish first before you pour the soup or sauce in," said Chef Duncan Ly with Calgary's Kensington Riverside Inn. WITH FILES FROM JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO CALGARY

AT-HOME TIPS

- Head to a farmers market and pick up in-season vegetables like asparagus, fiddleheads and kale.
- Stay away from plain white plates; look for rustic, natural textures. Or go retro with grandma's old plates.
- Create negative space for visual impact by plating food in a "C" shape, in the corner or around the rim of the plate.
- Try serving sauces and even starches on the side, for a more refined, elegant presentation.

DRINKS

Seasonal Canadian beer

LIQUID ASSETS

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As bearded hipsters and the exploding population of beer nerds raise a glass to craft beer here in Canada, European innovative brews have been a part of the liquor landscape for centuries.

The trend by our local brewers to bottle seasonal offerings (those made to celebrate a certain time of year or with special ingredients) is a page ripped right out of the Euro brewmaster's handbook.

In Germany, winter can hang on as long it does here, so breweries have taken to creating variations on their famous Bock style of beer to match the season cycle.

Considered a strong lager, a Bock is generally malty, dark and boozy, which fits the winter months like a glove.

Though still high in alcohol (seven per cent), a Maibock is a golden interpretation with a softer, smoother mouth-feel to match with spring.

Holsten's Maibock (500 ml, $2.50 – $3.49) is actually made all year, with enough sweet maltiness to pair with ham, pork and spicy cuisine.

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PANTRY STAPLE

Sriracha now a tourist destination

It took 50 years for spicy lover Sriracha to evolve from its humble beginnings in a kitchen in 1930s Thailand to an international hot sauce that only those who love Asian foods would know in the 1980s.

But now, the heat is on everyone's lips. A recent food and travel report named San Francisco the top culinary destination for food lovers last fall, citing the city's love affair with Sriracha sauce as one of its star attractions. The sauce is being used not only as a condiment but also as a spicy, barbecue glaze for grilled meats, particularly chicken.

The original special blend of peppers, vinegar, salt and sugar comes in a simple squeeze bottle with a rooster on it (commonly known as "cock sauce") and a green lid. It is a flavour that is unseating chipotle (even before everyone has stopped mispronouncing it as "chip-pole-tea").

Everything from potato chips to sandwiches now has the Sriracha (see-raw-cha) moniker — if not the flavour.

Pick up the original at any grocer and use it in creative ways:

- A few squirts in spice bread, banana loaf or chocolate cake will add a complex je ne sais quoi
- Mix with cream cheese and top scrambled eggs
- In Bloody Caesar or Bloody Mary mixes
- Add to lime peel and coarse salt and use as a rimmer for margaritas
- Toss sliced apples into a teaspoon of sauce and slip into a grilled cheese
- Mix into melted butter and garlic and spread onto baguette for instant spicy garlic bread

And when you have exhausted your passion for this sauce, move on to the next hottest thing: kimchi. AFP FILES

Ugly Food finds beauty and savings in flaws

FOOD

Imperfect produce craze may reduce waste

For anyone who's snapped an Instagram picture of a bowl of fruit (10 million photos prove people do) and admired its natural beauty and symmetry, take note: Don't judge a fruit by its skin.

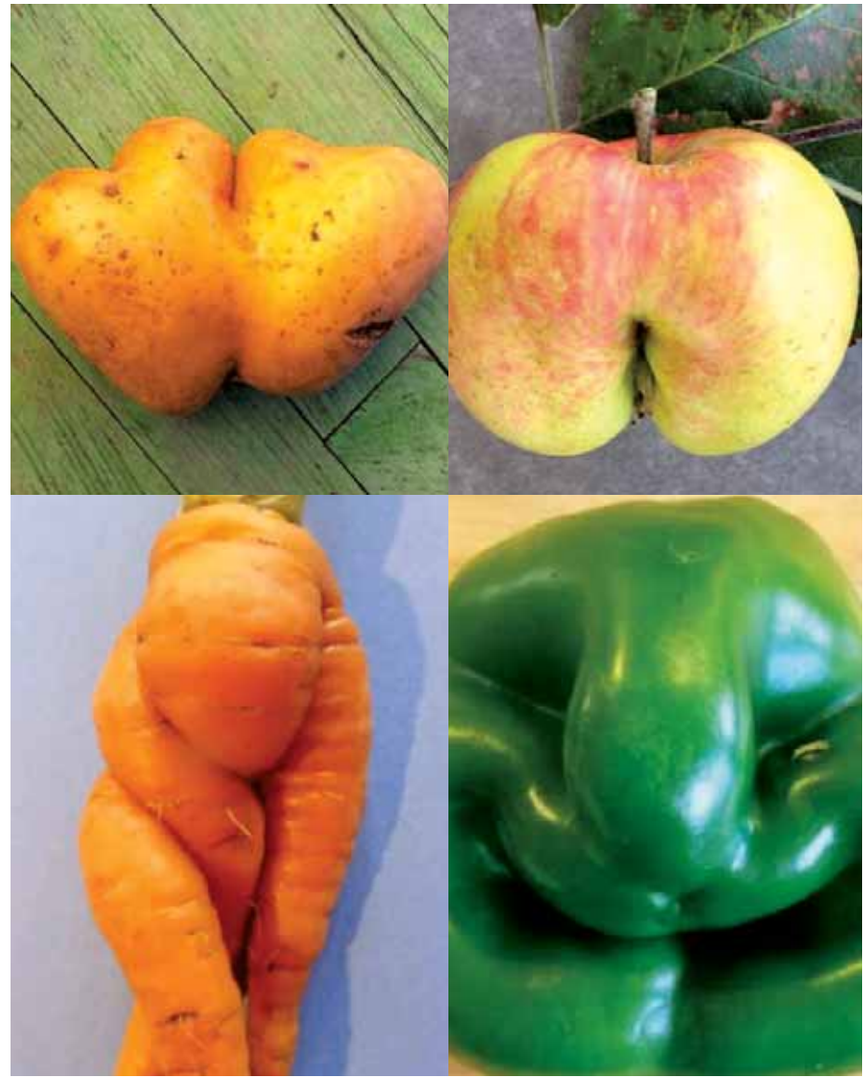
The Ugly Food trend that emerged in Europe to reduce food waste is taking off.

And judging by the thousands of photos of misshapen apples, and mutant carrots hashtagged #UglyFood and #UglyFruit, people are discovering the unique visual beauty in imperfect produce.

A 2015 report estimates food waste globally may amount to as much as $400 billion a year.

Some European supermarkets have joined the race against food waste in the form of smart marketing and repackaging campaigns. Among them are UK ASDA's Wonky Fruit and Vegetables, Woolworth's Odd Bunch, and Intermarche in France selling Inglorious Fruits and Vegetables.

Closer to home, Loblaws launched its Naturally Imperfect brand, selling ugly fruits and veggies for 30 per cent off. METRO



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Angelina Jolie goes back under the knife

CANCER

Actress has preventive surgery to remove ovaries

Angelina Jolie ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Oscar-winning actress Angelina Jolie revealed Tuesday that she has undergone more preventive surgery, having her ovaries and fallopian tubes removed in hopes of reducing her risk of cancer.

Writing in the New York Times, the filmmaker and philanthropist said that a recent blood test showed a possible early sign of cancer. The news came as a blow to the star, as she has already had a double mastectomy.

"I went through what I imagine thousands of other women have felt," she wrote. "I told myself to stay calm, to be strong, and that I had no reason to think I wouldn't live to see my children grow up and to meet my grandchildren."

Jolie, 39, revealed two years ago that she carries a defective breast cancer gene that puts her at high risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer.

Her mother died of ovarian cancer, and her maternal grandmother also had ovarian cancer — strong evidence of an inherited, genetic risk that led the actress to have her healthy breasts removed to try to avoid the same fate.

The average woman has a 12 per cent risk of developing breast cancer sometime during her life. Women who have inherited a faulty BRCA gene are about five times more likely to get breast cancer.

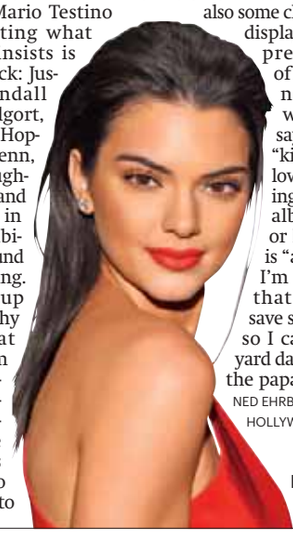
Jolie said that while having the gene mutation alone was not a reason to resort to surgery — other medical options were possible — her family history influenced her decision to have further surgery now. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YOUNG HOLLYWOOD

Biebs and Kendall the new Brat Pack?

Vogue has tasked veteran photographer Mario Testino with documenting what the magazine insists is the new Brat Pack: Justin Bieber, Kendall Jenner, Ansel Elgort, Gigi Hadid, and Hopper and Dylan Penn, the son and daughter of Sean Penn and Robin Wright — in their natural habitat, lounging around a pool and pouting.

And the group even gets a catchy new name that only makes them more insufferable: The Instagram Aristocracy. And if the photos of the kids aren't enough to make you want to climb onto an ice floe, there are also some choice quotes displaying an impressive lack of self-awareness, like when Bieber says he's been "kind of on the low, just working on the new album" lately or how Jenner is "aware when I'm at the gym that I need to save some energy so I can do a 40-yard dash" to avoid the paparazzi. NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD


Kendall Jenner

SERIES REBOOT

The truth is out: X-Files returns

Fox has announced that your favourite '90s paranormal activity show is returning for a special six-episode season.

That's right, The X-Files is returning to TV, and with its creative team largely intact, too. Creator Chris Carter is on board, as are stars David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson.

Carter referred to the show's years off the air as a "13-year commercial break" and added: "The good news is the world has only gotten that much stranger, a perfect time to tell these six stories." Production starts this summer, but an air date has not been set yet. LISA WEIDENFELD/METRO IN NYC

PRETTY WOMAN

How Julia hooked Richard

Stars Richard Gere and Julia Roberts reunited with director Garry Marshall on the Today show to celebrate the film's 25th anniversary, and Gere recounted how meeting Roberts put an end to his waffling about signing on for the project.

"We loved each other immediately. It was a nice thing. But to be honest, I didn't know if I was doing this movie yet," Gere says. "(Marshall) calls up and is kind of like, 'How's it going?' ... She takes a piece of paper and she's writing something on it ... and she pushes it to me and it said, 'Please say yes.'" NED EHRBAR/METRO

WOMAN IN GOLD

Reynolds inspired by Klimt

If Ryan Reynolds hadn't gone backpacking in Europe in the '90s, he might not have ended up costarring with Helen Mirren in the film Woman in Gold.

The actor says he visited Vienna's Belvedere Palace and viewed Gustav Klimt's Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I — and even picked up a fridge magnet as a souvenir. When producer Harvey Weinstein called to ask him to appear in the movie about the painting, he says it sparked something. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cuthbert finds her One Big Happy

TELEVISION

Actress dishes on working with Ellen

Lisa Weidenfeld
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Elisha Cuthbert has come a long way from staring down a cougar as Jack Bauer's oft-imperilled daughter on 24.

After a stint as the slightly daffy Alex Kerkovich on the much-loved but tragically cancelled Happy Endings, Cuthbert decided to stick with comedy, and found her way to One Big Happy. The show, produced by Ellen Degeneres, finds her playing Lizzy, a lesbian who decides to have a baby with her straight best friend Luke (Nick Zano) just as he marries Prudence (Kelly Brook).

What made you decide to move on to this show from Happy Endings?
I think I took the longest time to get on something else. Everyone was so brilliant on that show that it was a weird thing where I didn't know what to do after that. I was a little bit shell-shocked.

But you knew you wanted to stick with comedy?
I just had so much fun on Happy Endings that I felt like this was the perfect transition for me, and to be in front of a live audience is mind-blowing.

What kind of feedback does Ellen provide?
Great notes. She comes and warms up the audience, which is terrifying, because then we have to follow the funniest human being. The best note she ever gave me was that we're really going to have to believe in this friendship between Luke and me, which, as far as Lizzy's concerned, is the most important relationship that she has. And Ellen was like, we have to believe that, and if we don't believe that in every scene, then we have nothing.

Elisha Cuthbert, left, is Lizzy, and Kelly Brook is Prudence in One Big Happy. CONTRIBUTED

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We're still waiting for that new book George R.R. Martin has been writing

George R.R. Martin has been feeling the heat to finish The Winds of Winter, the long-awaited sixth novel in his bestselling series, A Song of Ice and Fire, but he is not letting the pressure rush his writing.

"There is more pressure every year," Martin said Monday in San Francisco at the U.S. premiere of the fifth season of Game of Thrones, the HBO television series based on his books. "The main thing is to make the book as good as I can possibly make it."

Martin, 66, has completed five of seven planned novels: The most recent, A Dance With Dragons, came out in 2011, the same year the Emmy-winning television adaptation first aired. With this season, the series will have exhausted almost all the material from the existing books.

"Fifty years from now nobody is going to care how frequently the books came out," he said. "They will care if the books are as good as they can possibly be, if the books stand the test of time. That's what I struggle with as I write."

George R.R. Martin. GETTY IMAGES

Martin and 24 cast members sat among the audience that watched the first episode of Season 5 at San Francisco's War Memorial Opera House, a palatial building aptly suited for the television show about a mythical kingdom. It was packed with 3,000 people.

Emilia Clarke, who plays Daenerys Targaryen, said the stories that fans have been following for four seasons will start to intertwine in season five.

"The threads we've been weaving are really coming together now, and that will be quite satisfying to watch," Clarke said.

The City by the Bay is also a leading tech hub, and HBO gave Game of Thrones fans access to the black carpet event by streaming it live on the show's Facebook page. The series' stars also took time to answer fan questions submitted via Facebook, which ranged from what the actors would name their pet dragons to what characters will die next in the blood-soaked epic fantasy.

A couple of hundred fans who didn't want to watch on their computers stood on the street holding up posters of HBO's most watched series and waving at the actors as they walked the carpet.

Game of Thrones is set in the war-torn continent of Westeros, a place where winter and summer can last for decades and tells the story of warring kingdoms. The show includes stunning landscapes, lots of sex, plenty of sword fights and decapitations, and fire-breathing dragons.

Season 5 premieres April 12 on HBO and on HBO Now, the networks' streaming service, which will launch that day on Apple TV.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Outfit change planned long ago

FASHION

Joe Mimran reveals the transition at Joe Fresh wasn't hasty

Joe Mimran greets the audience after the Joe Fresh show during Toronto Fashion Week. CHRIS YOUNG/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

While his departure from Joe Fresh may have seemed sudden, Joe Mimran said the transition had been months in the making.

Mimran said he'd been planning the move for the last 18 to 24 months with Galen Weston, president of grocery giant Loblaw, which owns the Joe Fresh brand.

Mimran said the number of years he had devoted to the industry was among his reasons for stepping down.

"We've been talking a lot about succession and how do you do it right and how do we do it properly and how do we do it without disrupting the marketplace," Mimran said in an interview at Toronto's World MasterCard Fashion Week.

"There's been a lot of thought that's gone into it."

Company president Mario Grauso has now taken the reins of the affordable apparel label.

But Mimran said he still remains under contract for 10 days a year for the next few years.

"That's a lot for a creative person. You can do a lot in that time."

For years, Mimran and Joe Fresh were a familiar presence on the Toronto runway. That all changed last fall when Mimran announced the label was ending future presentations, saying all shows would be geared towards the wholesale market.

On Monday, Mimran found himself in the role as style spectator for Pink Tartan, the womenswear label where his wife, Kimberley Newport-Mimran is president and head designer.

"It's very different for me," he admitted.

"I kind of miss the action of the show and sort of the adrenalin rush you get from a show. But, I also don't miss the pressure. It's nice for me to be able to just switch gears."

Mimran is getting ready for his close-up as he joins the business bosses fielding pitches from eager entrepreneurs on the CBC-TV series Dragons' Den.

Mimran said he is excited to hear of the new ideas and ventures when he films the new season airing this fall.

"The fashion business is the hardest business in the world and I think people will acknowledge that," he said. "I think that I will come in with a really interesting perspective on how hard it is to be in business and how it changes and how you have to be resilient."

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HBO lets the Dogg in
Snoop Dogg has teamed up with HBO as producer on a new family drama on the network. Snoop will likely draw on memories of his Long Beach upbringing to produce the series, which centres on an L.A. family in the 1980s. The untitled project is still in the early development stage. AFP

Snoop Dogg. GETTY IMAGES

JLaw to slither out of X-Men franchise
You better get your fill of Jennifer Lawrence as Mystique in next year's X-Men: Age of Apocalypse, because after that the Oscar-winner is putting away her blue body paint and calling it quits with the franchise. "It is my last one, actually, yes," she tells MTV. Michael Fassbender and James McAvoy reportedly all signed contracts for three films. Co-star and ex-boyfriend Nicholas Hoult, on the other hand, said he is open to negotiation. NED EHRBAR/METRO

Ben there, done that
Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson made Zoolander fans giddy when they closed the Valentino show during Paris Fashion Week this month. It was a manoeuvre to announce Zoolander 2, due out next year. "I was a little surprised," Stiller said. "I mean it's been 15 years since the movie came out so we really didn't know if people ... cared, and it was nice to know that there was a little bit of a connection there." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tove Lo has her head in the Clouds

INTERVIEW

Singer's debut album has her looking at love

Emily Laurence
Metro | New York City

She may have a penchant for bad habits, but that only makes things interesting. On Tove Lo's debut album Queen of the Clouds, sex comes before love and she deals with breakups by getting high, going to sex clubs and binge-eating Twinkies. The Swedish 27-year-old has had her fair share of heartbreak. We talk to her about the dark side of relationships and moving on after getting her heart broken.

READY FOR ANOTHER STAB AT LOVE

Tove Lo may have had some tough times with romance, but she's willing to give it another go.

- "I'm in a really great relationship right now and it's the first time I feel like it's easy," she says.
- This could definitely mark a change in her music. "My next album is maybe going to be a little happier, I think," she says.

HEART MATTERS

Tove Lo

"I love being in love. I love the very beginning of a relationship, when things aren't defined and you're just having a great time together. When you're a couple, sometimes there's all these demands that come with it ..."

On having great, no strings attached sex:
I've had a lot of sex without hoping it will turn into love. I can definitely separate the two. For me, it doesn't have to be connected. But when you are in love with someone and you have sex, it's always better. But (good sex) can definitely cloud your judgment. Talking Body is about that. If you start off having great sex, things tend to last longer than if you started by going on a date and don't click.

The best revenge on an ex:
It's hard when you've been hurt. All you want is for the other person to be hurt as well. But the best revenge is just to not care anymore. The feeling of that person wanting you back when you're completely over it is the best revenge. I've been that person, wanting the other person back and he was like, 'No, you f—ed it up.' That was probably the hardest feeling for me because I ruined something really good and now I can't fix it. That was a good revenge for that person on me.

Relationships versus the single life:
I like being single more, but somehow I always end up in a relationship. I love being in love. I love the very beginning of a relationship, when things aren't defined and you're just having a great time together. When you're a couple, sometimes there's all these demands that come with it, like 'Oh now that we're a couple, you can't do that.' But it becomes really beautiful when you show your weaknesses and flaws. I think it's easier to be single, but it's definitely worth it to be in a relationship when you really love someone.

Tove Lo says the best revenge when you've been hurt by an ex is not caring anymore . GETTY IMAGES

On writing about the dark side of love instead of the happy parts:
I've only really had intense relationships. It's like all you see is that other person. And you also go crazy. I've never had this, 'We went out a few times and started liking each other, then we fell in love and now we're a couple.' I think those relationships probably last longer because you're OK with it not always being great.

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The research behind ECE is constantly developing, and much of the research is happening in B.C. at the University of British Columbia, the University of Victoria and other prominent educational institutions.

"This sector is never stagnant," Mlieczko says.

Research has shed light on just how important it is for children and their families to get support, particularly in those early years.

"We've always known how important it is, but now we have the scientific background to support that."

There is currently much more public understanding and respect for ECE work, she says. Research has changed ECE practices, too. Early childhood educators now learn how to teach and guide young children as competent individuals, giving them the tools they need to develop their own natural aptitudes and interests.

Here are three ways to tell if you should get your ECE certification:

VOLUNTEER — Sign up to volunteer at an early care and learning centre to get a feel for your interests in the field.

CHOOSE AN AUTHORIZED INSTITUTE — Make sure your program is approved by the Ministry of Children and Family Development to grant ECE certification.

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MTI Community College offers a selection of ECE programs of different lengths and specializations. The 48-week ECE certificate program provides a base-level certification for those who want to work in the field. Students who are looking for more in-depth certification and training can opt for the two-year post-basic program.

ECE students that graduate from MTI are certified by the Ministry of Children and Family Development to work with children in a variety of child care settings, including daycare centres and preschools. Some even open their own daycare businesses.

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MTI's theory-rich programs are based on the responsive curriculum where students are taught to tailor their teaching to individual students, their interests and learning styles.

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Few jobs are as rewarding as helping to support and educate the next generation. And with an ever-increasing demand for early childhood education professionals in the community, Vancouver Community College's early childhood care and education (ECCE) program is an affordable, flexible, and attractive option for students looking for a rewarding career.

"The profile of students is diverse, it is very much multi-generational and multicultural," says Katarina Jovanovic, program co-ordinator early childhood care and education at VCC's Centre for Continuing Studies. "Many people are coming for a second career, are changing professions, or this may be their first entrance to the Canadian job market. Other profiles include young, ambitious, enthusiastic students who are inspired with the idea of working with children and families."

The market opportunity is prominent for graduates of this program.

"Early childhood education is still a growing field," she says. "With the growth of non-profit organizations that support the whole family, this profession went well beyond work in child care. People can also work in family resource, Strong Start, and other family resource programs."

The hours and flexibility of VCC's ECCE program also appeal to people looking to transition into a new career.

"The ECCE program runs through continuing education," Jovanovic says. "It is part time, usually two evenings a week, and typically (from) 6:45-9:45. That allows our students to continue working during the day and take classes at night. Their career shift goes gradually and they can still support families and get qualifications."

And because many of the program's instructors are employed in the field on a full-time basis, they can provide up-to-date, real-world experience, insight, and field events.

"The demand for ECE graduates is still high, for infant toddler educators in particular," she says. "There is a constant, burning need for child care and, hopefully, more centres will keep opening to meet that huge need of the community."

VCC is accepting applications for all ECCE programs, including basic ECCE, infant toddler and special needs diplomas, and ECCE assistant. Brochures are available on campus.

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A big truck that's light on its feet

REVIEW

The all-new Ford F-150 is a lighter-weight knockout

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

It doesn't get much more off-road than this scene: I'm up to the middle of my winter tires in snow, climbing a steep path cut into the hill of a quarry.

It's part of an event Ford held recently in Quebec to demonstrate the overall ability of its all-new 2015 F-150 pickup truck.

The biggest news about the popular F-150 is Ford's weight-saving decision. By replacing the steel body with one made entirely from aluminum and using a more high-strength steel in the frame, Ford has changed its game entirely.

Weight loss can improve fuel economy and also the truck's overall capability, since the ratings include the weight of the truck, plus everything it's carrying and towing.

By reducing the truck's weight you can essentially transfer that amount to the load. The new F-150's maximum payload is now 1,497 kg (3,300 lbs.), while top towing rises to 5,534 kg (12,200 lbs.).

Three engines are carried over from the 2014 model: a naturally aspirated 3.5-litre V6, turbocharged 3.5-litre EcoBoost V6, and 5.0-litre V8. There's also an all-new turbocharged 2.7-litre EcoBoost V6 that does an excellent job of pulling around this lighter-weight truck.

The idea behind the turbo engines is that they provide bigger-engine power when it's needed, but deliver smaller-engine fuel efficiency when not.

That said, if you're the type who drives with your foot to the floor, or you tend to tow or haul a great deal, you will probably use far more fuel than the published figures suggest.

I like how the F-150 drives: Even though it's a big truck, that weight loss and its smooth steering make it feel like it's smaller.

If there are any complaints, it's that the ride can get bouncy on rougher roads, and the interior, while much improved, isn't as notable as some of its competitors.

However, the truck is impressive overall, whether tackling dry pavement, or the ice and snow of a rural Quebec road in winter.

The pickup truck segment seldom sees a change as massive as the F-150's construction, but I think this model is going to remain as popular with buyers as it always has been.

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THE CHECKLIST | 2015 FORD F-150

THE BASICS

Type. Two- or four-door full-size pickup truck.
Engines (hp/torque). 2.7-litre turbo V6 (325/375); 3.5-litre V6 (283/255); 3.5-litre turbo V6 (365/420); 5.0-litre V8 (385/387)
Transmissions. 6-speed automatic
Price. $24,899 (excluding destination)

COOL FEATURES

Available LED headlights, 360-degree camera, tailgate step, BoxLink cargo cleats, stowable loading ramps, side-mirror spotlights, self-parking system, and power-operated liftgate.

POINTS

- The new 2.7-litre V6 includes auto start/stop, which shuts off the engine at idle and restarts automatically when needed, for maximum fuel efficiency.
- It was named 2015 Truck of the Year by the Automobile Journalists of Canada (AJAC).

MARKET POSITION

The F-150 has been Canada's best-selling truck for 49 years. The aluminum body is a bit of a gamble, and Ford is working with the collision industry on the unique training and equipment needed to repair it.

THE COMPETITION

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Millennial drivers are looking for a faster car-buying experience. ISTOCK

Among all the retailing experiences out there, buying a new vehicle at a dealership remains a unique one.

You know the drill, and the steps, and all the dealership people you need to see as you progress through the deal.

Sometimes this process can take hours, especially on a busy day at the dealership.

A recent survey conducted by AutoTrader noted that customers seem happy enough as long as the whole thing doesn't take more than 1.5 hours.

The survey noted that once things hit the 2.5-hour mark, satisfaction with the car-buying process drops to "below average" levels. Good to know, but doesn't that sound like an observation from Captain Obvious? Waiting longer than you think it should take, for anything, is never a good recipe for satisfaction.

A new brand of customers — those tech-savvy millennials — are particularly touchy about waiting too long for their order to be completed at the dealership.

These customers are used to buying items online — and quickly. "Just a number of clicks, and there is your purchase the next day at your doorstep," says Chris Travel, of the marketing research and technology company, MaritzCX.

Based in Toronto, Travel keeps clients abreast of customer experience trends and ideas emanating from the automotive sector (on the automotive section of the CX Cafe blog), and he told us about a pilot project in the U.S. that aims to have car buyers in and out of the dealership in 45 minutes.

Sonic Automotive is one of the largest dealer groups in the U.S. and owns the EchoPark brand. Travel said Sonic recently spent "two to three million" to design and build a new car buying system it hopes to roll out to all its EchoPark stores in the U.S.

The first store to run with it is EchoPark Toyota in Thorton, Colo.

THE FUTURE

Chris Travel of marketing research company MaritzCX notes that Canadian retailers are also obviously aware of our desire for a shortened buying experience, and are tweaking their processes to do so. However, a lot of the major innovation in the area is happening in the U.S., where large corporations, like Sonic, have the economies of scale and the appetite to invest in systems and cultures that will challenge the status quo.

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i-Road continues to carve its path

DETROIT ELECTRIC

Showroom adopts boutique vibe

Wannabe electric sports car-maker Detroit Electric has designed its first flagship store, to open on the same site as the company's production facility in Leamington Spa in the U.K. It prominently features DE's SP:01 pure electric sports car, "soon" to begin production next door to the boutique showroom. Customers will be able to "build" their own SP:01 on large touch screen displays in the showroom to unique, bespoke specifications, before discussing their vehicles in detail with staff.

THE GREEN ANGLE
Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

TOKYO

Toyota i-Road expands car-sharing program

The ultra compact, electric, three-wheeled Toyota i-Road begins service in a new car-sharing program in central Tokyo in April. The vehicle, which leans into corners like a motorcycle, is already part of a co-ordinated public transport service in Grenoble, France, and in Toyota City, Japan. The new trial, which runs until the end of September, sees the i-Road as part of a service that allows members to make use of a fleet of share-cars at any time of day. The focus is on the i-Road being used for trips to businesses, shops and sightseeing locations.

VIA MOTORS

Plug-in work vehicles double as mobile generators

Orem, Utah-based Via Motors, an assembler of plug-in hybrid pickups and delivery vans, is gearing up to sell 50,000 vehicles per year within three years, company chairman Bob Lutz told Bloomberg news service. Plug-in trucks cut fuel costs and provide electricity at remote locations for campers, catering companies, utilities and the military, said Lutz, acting as mobile generators.

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It's official: Nash says final goodbye

BC Place Stadium to get new turf

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Edmonton field will also have its surface altered

The ruckus over the use of artificial turf at the Women's World Cup may not have sparked a switch to grass. But it has likely played a part in improving some of the tournament turf.

Changes to the surface at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium had already been announced. BC Place Stadium, whose turf drew the ire of German players among others, is also getting a new surface in time for the summer tournament.

The 24-team championship kicks off June 6 in Edmonton and will conclude July 5 in Vancouver. Canada could play as many as six of its seven matches in those two cities if it advances to the final.

The decision to use artificial turf triggered a human rights complaint, subsequently dropped, from a group of elite female players last year.

Don Hardman, chief of stadia for the tournament's national organizing committee, said changes are being made in Edmonton and Vancouver despite both surfaces meeting FIFA's 2-Star standards when last tested.

"Not only are we trying to ensure that all the turf across the country meets all the technical specifications but there's still some intangible qualities that we'd like to ensure are top-notch, whether it's the player performance and perception of the surface," Hardman said in an interview. "And also aesthetically how it presents itself to the international TV audience are also key considerations that we've tried to address in those two markets."

There had been player complaints about the Vancouver turf.

"We know that Vancouver is an issue," Tatjana Haenni, FIFA's head of women's competitions, said in January of BC Place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

UNIFORMITY

While all the surfaces have to meet FIFA's standards, they can come from different manufacturers. Don Hardman, chief of stadia for the tournament's national organizing committee, says they will look and feel the same.

CFL

Lions ink former NFLer Hawkins

Jeff Tedford has brought another familiar face to the B.C. Lions.

The local Canadian Football League club on Tuesday announced the signing of former NFL receiver Lavelle Hawkins, who played for Tedford during his college career at the University of California-Berkley.

Hawkins, an international player, will report to the club's off-season workout in April.

"Lavelle is an elusive and talented receiver who brings significant experience to our team," said Tedford in a release.

Lavelle Hawkins
GETTY IMAGES FILE

"He's a gifted route-runner who will be able to take advantage of our larger field and I look forward to seeing how he will contribute to our offence."

In January, the Lions brought in another former NFLer in Austin Collie, who also had connections to Tedford, who enters his first season as B.C.'s head coach.

Hawkins was originally drafted by the Tennessee Titans, a team he would spend five seasons with. In that time, he made 71 catches for 771 yards and one touchdown. He also spent a small portion of the 2013 season with the San Diego Chargers predominantly as a kick returner. CAM TUCKER/METRO

NHL CANUCKS DOWN JETS WITH FIVE UNANSWERED GOALS The Canucks' Chris Tanev fires a shot past the Jets' Tobias Enstrom at Rogers Arena on Tuesday night. Radim Vrbata scored two goals as part of a three-point night and Eddie Lack made 26 saves in the Canucks' 5-2 victory. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Steen steers Blues onto winning track

Alexander Steen redirected Zbynek Michalek's shot from the point into the net 35 seconds into overtime, lifting the St. Louis Blues to a 3-2 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday night.

St. Louis snapped a three-game losing streak. The Blues rallied from a two-goal deficit on scores from former Penguins Robert Bortuzzo and Marcel Goc. Steen got his 24th goal of the season on a pretty deflection of a slick feed from Michalek, who spent two seasons in Pittsburgh earlier in his career.

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Pittsburgh played its fifth straight game without Evgeni Malkin

Jake Allen stopped 22 shots for St. Louis as the Blues remained atop the Central Division at the end of a season-long, six-game road trip.

Blake Comeau and Steve Downie scored for Pittsburgh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Canucks lock up D-man Tanev through 2021

The Vancouver Canucks re-signed defenceman Chris Tanev to a five-year contract worth a reported $22.5 million, in a deal that was announced Tuesday.

Tanev, 25, has become arguably Vancouver's most reliable defenceman, alongside Alex Edler as the top pairing. Prior to Tuesday's game against Winnipeg, Tanev had played in 60 games this season, with two goals and 16 points. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Kings win rematch of Stanley Cup final

Marian Gaborik snapped a second-period tie, and Jonathan Quick shook off an opening-minute goal to lift the Los Angeles Kings to a 4-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Tuesday night in a rematch of last year's Stanley Cup final.

The Kings, fighting for a chance to defend their title, have won the first two games of a five-game trip on successive nights. Robyn Regehr scored a rare goal in the first period, and Jeff Carter and Jake Muzzin extended the lead in the third. Anze Kopitar had two assists.

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Before Tuesday, Regehr had gone 41 games without a goal

Quick made 34 saves.

Los Angeles is tied in points with third-place Calgary in the Pacific Division, but the Flames hold the tiebreaker. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Westbrook steals Lakers' Thunder

NBA

League's top marksman earned team 4th straight win

NBA scoring leader Russell Westbrook poured in 27 points and added 11 assists and Enes Kanter contributed 25 points and 16 rebounds as the Thunder beat the Lakers 127-117 on Tuesday night for their fourth straight victory.

For the second straight game, Kanter got off to a fast start, recording a double-double in the first quarter with 15 points and 10 rebounds as Oklahoma City raced out to a 37-27 lead. Kanter has scored 52 points and grabbed 28 rebounds in his last two games.

After trailing by 15 at the half, the Lakers closed to 70-61, with Jordan Clarkson and Jeremy Lin sparking a brief rally, as the Lakers went on an 8-2 mini-run out of the locker room.

That's when Westbrook went to work, scoring twice in 15 seconds on his way to 14 third-quarter points. Denied his 10th triple-double of the season with a scoring change after Sunday's win over Miami, Westbrook didn't come close in this game, grabbing just two rebounds. He sat most of the fourth quarter, playing just 29 minutes.

Lakers guard Jeremy Lin is fouled by Thunder guard Russell Westbrook on Tuesday in Oklahoma City. Westbrook had 27 points and 11 assists in leading the Thunder to a 127-117 win.
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NBA On Tuesday

127	117
THUNDER	LAKERS

Westbrook's teammates made up the difference . The Thunder, the NBA's best rebounding team, crushed the Lakers 49-28 on the boards. Steven Adams joined Kanter in the double-double category with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Dion Waiters added 23 points and Anthony Morrow had 12 off the bench.

Oklahoma City led 100-88 after three quarters and the Lakers got no closer than the final 10-point deficit the rest of the way.

Clarkson led all scorers with 30 points and Lin had 19, as the Lakers lost for the 10th time in their last 12 games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lesnar features in the main event of Wrestlemania . GETTY IMAGES

MMA

It's squared circle for Lesnar from now on

Former UFC heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar has ruled out a return to mixed martial arts, ending three years of speculation about the biggest pay-per-view star in the sport's history.

Lesnar announced he had re-signed with the WWE in an interview on ESPN's Sports-Center on Tuesday. Lesnar tells The Associated Press he was in training for a UFC return as recently as last week despite his conflicted feelings about it. He finally decided to stick with professional wrestling only in the past two days.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASEBALL

Hunter homer helps Twins past Blue Jays

MLB spring training

6	5
TWINS	JAYS

After Torii Hunter hit his first home run in a Minnesota Twins uniform since 2007, manager Paul Molitor greeted him in the dugout with a sly message.

"Remember how you did it," Molitor said after Hunter hit a three-run shot Tuesday in the Twins' 6-5 win over the Toronto Blue Jays.

The 39-year-old Hunter signed a one-year, $10.5-million deal to return to the Twins, a team he left after the 2007 season.

Hunter had just two extra-base hits, a pair of doubles, through his first 25 at-bats before connecting on an 82 mph breaking ball.

The Jays' Todd Redmond gave up one run and one hit over three innings in his first spring training start.
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RECIPE Potato Corn Chowder

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Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Directions

1. Lightly coat a nonstick skillet with cooking spray and set over medium heat. Sauté the corn for about 8 minutes, stirring often until lightly browned. Purée half of the corn in a small food processor. Combine the puréed corn with the whole corn in a small bowl and set aside.

2. Add the oil to a large, non-stick pot and set over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and sauté for about 4 minutes. Add the red pepper and sauté for another 2 minutes. Add the potato, stock, chili sauce and corn mixture. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, for about 15 minutes or until the potato is tender.

3. Whisk together the flour and milk in a small bowl and gradually add to the soup. Add the salt and pepper. Simmer, stirring occasionally for 3 minutes or until slightly thickened and heated through. Serve in bowls, and garnish with parsley.

Ingredients
- 2 cups corn niblets (canned or fresh)
- 1 1/2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 cup peeled and diced potato
- 2 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 1/2 tsp hot chili sauce (or finely chopped jalapeño pepper)
- 2 tsp all-purpose flour
- 1 cup canned evaporated milk (2%)
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 3 tbsp chopped parsley

Nutrition
- Calories 211
- Protein 10 g
- Carbohydrates 35 g
- Fibre 3.9 g
- Total fat 3.7 g
- Saturated fat 0.9 g
- Cholesterol 5 mg
- Sodium 565 mg

ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVOURITES (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN. PHOTO: RYAN SZULC

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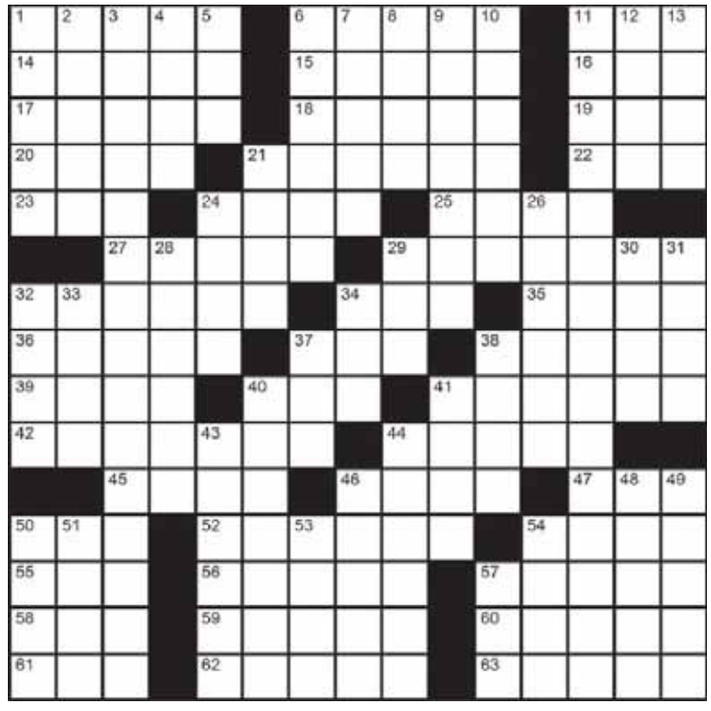

ACROSS
1. Steve Martin/Lily Tomlin movie, "__ Me" (1984)
6. Joanne __, Hamilton-born 3x Olympic swimmer
11. "__ so fast!"
14. Dip the feathered pen again
15. Cherish
16. Sense organ
17. Molten rock
18. __ '__' Roses (Rock band)
19. Which person?
20. Journey's "__ Should Break Your Heart"
21. __ Lake (Ontario community near North Bay)
22. Protrude
23. Clock setting in St. John's, commonly
24. Agreement
25. Ms. Campbell
27. 1965 Beatles chart-topper
29. Hairstylist giving a customer the 1970s feathered look, say
32. Handsome fellow of ancient Greek mythology
34. Friend
35. Q-to-V link
36. "Irma la __" (1963)
37. Energy
38. John __ (Tractor company)
39. Pet Shop Boys' "__ Sin"
40. Swerve
41. More ashen
42. Slayer of the Minotaur
44. Circular
45. Stink
46. Vintage video game
47. Second sight, shortly
50. In favour
52. Lisa of "The Addams Family"
54. Iris spot
55. Currency in Romania
56. J.M. for Joni Mitchell, briefly
57. Del Shannon's "Little Town __"
58. Granola morsel
59. "Nifty!"
60. Chesterfield __ (Municipality in Nunavut)
61. __-trial
62. __ Exchange Building (Winnipeg landmark)
63. Toronto-born lead singer of #6-Down

DOWN
1. Actor, __ Mueller-Stahl
2. Toronto hockey players
3. Drivers can scenically traverse it in Nova Scotia: 2 wds.
4. "It's __ __." (I'm paying)
5. ___ twigs (British singer)
6. As per #63-Across... Juno-winning "Rude" band
7. Grown-up
8. Capital of Eng.
9. Stash of weapons
10. Tom __, President of Hockey Canada
11. NHL team co-head-coached by two Canadians: 3 wds.
12. Hawaiian island
13. Jog
21. Faucets
24. Ballet move
26. Ben __, Tony-winning star of Pippin
28. Box in
29. Swimmer's circuit
30. Raison d'__
31. Repenter
32. Mine entrance
33. Bible verb
34. Church seat
37. Not in Nice?
38. Narcotic
40. Denizen of Whitehorse's locale
41. Percussion instrument
43. Activity involving a Moray, say
44. Music producer Mark
46. __ Palace (Florence, Italy attraction)
48. More dry
49. Ms. LaBelle
50. Ice cube into water sound
51. Back
53. US music trade org.
54. Arm bone
57. Fish's paddle

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You feel you could take on the world and win but Saturn warns there are a number of duties and responsibilities you must deal with before you are free to express yourself.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Venus in your sign makes the world look a kinder place, but don't be fooled. Your attitude to those around you may have softened but you still need to take care.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Something will take you by surprise today and you have only yourself to blame. The signs have been there for some time and you should have seen it coming.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
As Saturn links with the Sun today your natural caution will work in your favour. While others are bigging it up and throwing their money around you will be quietly making plans.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You will solve a riddle that has been bugging you for ages — and will kick yourself when you realize just how simple the answer is. You may experience many such moments over the next few days.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Something will happen over the next 24 hours that gives you the opportunity to show how tough you are. Make sure people know you should never be taken for granted.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
One of the things you are good at is inspiring people to improve themselves and over the next few days you will help at least one friend do more and do better. Good on you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will be tempted to make a major decision today, even though you don't yet know all the facts. Your impatience could pay off or it could land you in deep water. Be careful.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone you live or work with will get the wrong end of the stick today and blame you for something that is not your fault. By all means clear your name but don't hold it against them. Everyone makes mistakes.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Venus in your fellow Earth sign of Taurus makes it much easier to express your feelings. Just be careful you don't become infatuated. Your passion could cause problems.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be in a fun-loving mood but you also have serious things to consider, things that must be dealt with now. Focus all your attention and energy on them today.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will reach an important decision concerning your career over the next 24 hours and although not everyone will agree with the route you choose you know it is the right one for you.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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